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**RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In a timely response to the office action dated July 15, 2008, please consider the following: